

Minutes of the Meeting of
East Tuddenham parish Council
Held on Wednesday 8th September
In the Village Hall

Present: Mrs. Hickling Chairman, Mrs. Shrimpling Vice Chairman, Miss Barrett, Miss Leaney, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Guy and the clerk.

Apologies: were received from Mrs. Fane and District Councillor Mr. Brian Rose.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: Mrs. Hickling reported that she had spoken to D.C. Paul Claussen regarding the situation with the LDF and he suggested that another letter be sent and that he and Brian Rose would keep the Parish Council up to date with the timetable. Mrs. Hickling also said that John Cole would make and erect the new notice board as soon as the Village Hall Committee agrees to this. Mrs. Shrimpling said that she had spoken to Mr. Neil Alston and that he was prepared to see to the repair of the fence at the Village Green and he asked that the new notice board be placed in such a position to enable the grass to be cut. The Clerk said that prior to handing over the old Minute Books she had made a note of the members of the first Parish Council meeting, held on 4th December 1894 and gave copies to the Councillors.

Finance: Before giving her report the Clerk thanked the Councillors for proposing her for Clerk of the Year. There was £4910.64 in the Bank Account. Two cheques were signed, one for £280.61 – the clerk's quarterly salary and expenses – and £21 for the Norfolk Link. A cheque for the auditors for £58.75 was ratified as well. A request from the CAB would be decided at the November meeting. A request was also made regarding the roof of the Church and it was decided to enlist the help of Janet Guy to determine the cost.

Planning: Two applications were studied and there was no objection to the extension of a car park at Earthsea House. The proposal for a roof extension at Bridge Bungalow was agreed as long as all the necessary building regulations were adhered to. Breckland Council refused the conversion of a workshop/store/flat to a dwelling in Church Lane. The clerk was asked to contact the Planning Department at Breckland Council to enquire about the period of time for the removal of the original farmhouse in Common Road as the new one was now inhabited.

Low Cost Housing: A fence had now been erected to mark the boundary of the land requested by the Village Hall and work would now soon begin on the houses. Anyone who needs one of the bungalows should now apply so that any special needs can be incorporated into the building. Further information can be obtained from Flagship Housing. A Local Lettings Agreement for Peddars Way houses will allow the swapping of a larger house for a smaller one or vice versa and any interested parties should now contact their landlord.

Correspondence: The clerk distributed forms for the Electoral Roll.

Any other Business: The Chairman reported that the village would be getting a new playground and it was proposed that the Parish Council could help towards the cost of providing a bark chip base. Miss Barrett said that the children at Earthsea School were involved in the Community Cohesion Project and asked if they could do anything in the village. It was suggested by the Chairman that perhaps they could plant spring bulbs around the village under the guidance of Mrs. Fane. Miss Barrett said she would put this proposition to the School. Mr. A Anderson said that as the new junction had now been made safe with no more accidents he felt that the Highways Department would not now be interested in any more suggestions regarding the traffic through the villages.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th October